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SUBJECT: PALM OIL IMPORT DUTY IN U.S.

1. LOCAL PRESS CARRIED ARTICLE DATELINED WASHINGTON, D.C. ON BILL INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS BY REP. JOHN JENRETTE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO LEVY U.S. \$0.03 PER POUND IMPORT DUTY ON PALM OIL USED IN FOOD PROCESSING. ARTICLE QUOTES REP. JENRETTE AS SAYING DUTY WOULD NOT APPLY TO PALM OIL FOR USE IN MAKING STEEL PRODUCTS, TIN PLATE, OR TERNEPLATE BECAUSE THIS IS BANNED UNDER GATT, BUT THERE IS NO TREATY BARRIER OR IMPORT DUTIES ON PALM OIL USED IN FOOD.

2. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NUMBER OF QUERIES FROM GOM AND TRADE CONCERNING ARTICLE. SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ARE:

A) WHAT IS LEGISLATIVE PROCESS FOR THIS BILL? WILL HEARINGS BE CONDUCTED?

B) WHAT ARE PROSPECTS FOR PASSAGE OF BILL?

C) IS COMPLETE TEXT OF BILL AVAILABLE?

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D) WHAT U.S. DUTIES ON PALM OIL ARE ALLOWABLE UNDER GATT?

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION TO
RESPOND TO ABOVE QUESTIONS.
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